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## SENATE BILL

No. 1226

## Introduced by Senator Alquist (Coauthors: Senators Oropeza and Torlakson)

February 14, 2008

An act to amend Sections 50650.3, 50560.4, and 53545 and 50650.4 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1226, as amended, Alquist. CalHome Program: Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006: mobilehome parks.

## (1) Existing

Existing law establishes the CalHome Program under the administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development and authorizes funds appropriated for purposes of the program to be used to enable low-income and very low income households to become or remain homeowners.

This bill would authorize program funds to be used for the improvement of infrastructure related to mobilehome parks by local public agencies in joint application with a mobilehome park owner, subject to certain requirements.

(2) The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$2,850,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. Proceeds from the sale of these bonds are required to be used to finance various existing

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housing programs, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. The act establishes the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund of 2006 in the State Treasury, requires the sum of \$1,500,000,000 to be deposited in the Affordable Housing Account, which the act establishes in the fund, and requires the amount of \$300,000,000 to be transferred from the account to the Self-Help Housing Fund, to be available to the department for expenditure pursuant to the CalHome Program and the California Self-Help Housing Program.

This bill would authorize the department to expend funds made available for the CalHome Program under the bond act to cover costs associated with the rehabilitation or repair of property owned by a mobilehome park owner.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 50650.3 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 50650.3. (a) Funds appropriated for purposes of this chapter shall be used to enable low- and very low income households to become or remain homeowners. Funds shall be provided by the department to local public agencies, local public agencies in joint application with a mobilehome park owner, or nonprofit corporations for any of the following:
  - (1) Grants for programs that assist individual households.
  - (2) Loans that assist development projects involving multiple homeownership units, including single-family subdivisions.
  - (3) Loans *and grants* for infrastructure improvements and repairs in mobilehome parks.
  - (b) (1) Grant funds may be used for first-time homebuyer downpayment assistance, home rehabilitation, homebuyer counseling, home acquisition and rehabilitation, or self-help mortgage assistance programs, or for technical assistance for self-help and shared housing homeownership.
- 19 (2) Loan funds may be used for purchase of real property, site 20 development, predevelopment, and construction period expenses 21 incurred on homeownership development projects, permanent 22 financing for mutual housing or cooperative developments, and

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the improvement of infrastructure related to mobilehome parks.
Upon completion of construction, the department may convert
project loans into grants for programs of assistance to individual
homeowners. Financial assistance provided to individual
households shall be in the form of deferred payment loans,
repayable upon sale or transfer of the homes, when they cease to
be owner occupied, or upon the loan maturity date.

- (3) Financial assistance may be provided in the form of a secured forgivable loan to an individual household to rehabilitate, repair, or replace manufactured housing located in a mobilehome park and not permanently affixed to a foundation. The loan shall be due and payable in 20 years, with 10 percent of the original principle to be forgiven annually for each additional year beyond the 10th year that the home is owned and continuously occupied by the borrower. Not more than 10 percent of the funds available for the purposes of this chapter in a fiscal year shall be used for financial assistance in the form of secured forgivable loans.
- (4) Loan *and grant* funds may also be used for the improvement of infrastructure for mobilehome parks if the park owner can demonstrate both financial need and that 50 percent or more of the mobilehome owners are lower income. Loans *and grants* to mobilehome park owners for infrastructure shall be allocated based on the proportional percentage of lower income persons residing in the mobilehome park who are seeking funding. A recorded affordability restriction shall ensure that the spaces in the mobilehome park will be available to, and occupied by, lower income households for not less than 55 years. Any portion of-the *a* loan may be deferred, if necessary to achieve financial feasibility for the mobilehome park.
- (c) All loan repayments shall be used for activities allowed under this section, and shall be governed by a reuse plan approved by the department. Those reuse plans may provide for loan servicing by the grant recipient or a third-party local government agency or nonprofit corporation.
- SEC. 2. Section 50650.4 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:
- 50650.4. To be eligible to receive a grant or loan, local public agencies, nonprofit corporations, or local public agencies in joint application with a mobilehome park owner, shall demonstrate sufficient organizational stability and capacity to carry out the

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activity for which they are requesting funds, including, where applicable, the capacity to manage a portfolio of individual loans over an extended time period. Capacity may be demonstrated by substantial successful experience performing similar activities, or through other means acceptable to the department. In administering the CalHome Program, the department may permit local agencies and nonprofit corporations to apply their own underwriting guidelines when evaluating CalHome rehabilitation loan applications, following prior review and approval of those guidelines by the department. The local agency or nonprofit corporation may not subsequently alter its underwriting guidelines with respect to the use of CalHome funds without review and approval by the department. In allocating funds, the department shall utilize a competitive application process, using weighted evaluation criteria, including, but not limited to, the extent that the program or project utilizes volunteer or self-help labor, trains youth and young adults in construction skills, creates balanced communities, involves community participation, or whether the program or project contributes toward community revitalization. To the extent feasible, the application process shall ensure a reasonable geographic distribution of funds.

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All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as amended in the Senate, May 7, 2008. (JR11)